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2001-02 Arizona Schedule/Results

Date	Event	Finish
FALL		
Sept. 21-22	at William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	3rd/20
Sept. 28-30	at The Preview by Ping/Golfweek	13th/15
Oct. 8-9	at Taylor Made Red River Classic	11th/15
Oct. 15-16	at Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate	4th/12
Nov. 19-20	at Savane College All-America (individuals only)	

SPRING

Feb. 4-5	PING-ARIZONA INTERCOLLEGIATE	T4th of 20
Feb. 20-22	at John Burns Invitational	T6th of 20
March 8-10	at Las Vegas Invitational	8th of 16
March 25-26	at Oregon Duck Invitational	8th of 16
April 5-7	U.S. COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	2nd of 10
April 12-13	at ASU Thunderbird Invitational	T5th of 16
April 25-27	at Pacific-10 Conference Championships	
May 16-18	at NCAA West Regional	
May 29-June 1	at NCAA Championships	

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Arizona Heads to Corvallis, Ore., for 2002 Pac-10 Championships

On the Tee: Bolstered by two strong finishes in its last two events, the Arizona Wildcats head to Corvallis, Ore., for the 2002 Pacific-10 Conference Championships, April 25-27 ... After a slow start to the spring, UA is averaging 284.33 strokes over its last six rounds and has been under par in five ... Arizona has six top-five finishes in 10 team events this year.

The Rankings: After opening the season as the nation's second-ranked team, Arizona closed the fall portion of the schedule ranked No. 11 by *Golf World* magazine and currently hold down a No. 13 ranking by *Golf World*, 18th in the Precept/GCAA Coaches Poll and No. 22 in the *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index. *Golf World* also selected UA junior Ricky Barnes as the nation's Pre-season Player of the Year and included sophomore Chris Nallen in its "50 College Players to Watch" list. Individually, three UA players are ranked in the top 135 nationally in the *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index. In case you wondered, Arizona is ranked No. 4 nationally in the GCAA Fan Poll.

A Look at the 2002 Pacific-10 Conference Championships: Oregon State hosts the 2002 Pacific-10 Conference Championships, April 25-27 at Trysting Tree Golf Club, a par 72, 7,022-yard layout. The 10-team tournament includes Arizona, Arizona State, California, Oregon, Stanford, UCLA, USC, Washington, Washington State, and host Oregon State. Three of those teams (Arizona, USC, Washington) are ranked in the April 18 Precept/GCAA Coaches Poll. The 72-hole event features 36 holes on Thursday and 18 on Friday and Saturday. Six players will compete for each team with the top five scores counting in each round. Play is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. PDT on Thursday and 8 a.m. thereafter. Arizona has won this event twice in its history (1987/1991) and claimed six individual winners since joining the league in 1978-79.

The Probable Arizona Lineup:

Golfer	Yr.	Avg.	Top 10/20	Low Rd.	Events
Ricky Barnes	Jr.	72.55	2/3	67	11
Chris Nallen	So.	71.06	5/5	65	11
Reid Hatley	Jr.	72.93	2/3	67	10
Kipp Riehle	Fr.	74.13	1/1	68	10
Andy Connell	So.	75.94	0/0	69	6
Nathan Lashley	Fr.	75.46	0/0	70	10

Head Coach Rick LaRose . . . is in his 24th season at the helm of the Arizona golf program, and in that span has established the Wildcats as one of the finest programs in the nation. The only college coach to win both a men's (1992) and women's (1996) NCAA Championship, LaRose's teams have won seven NCAA Regionals, five Pac-10 crowns and three Rolex Match Play titles. In NCAA Championship play, he also has five third-place finishes, a fifth-place and two sixth-place efforts to his credit. Since 1978, his men's teams have won 44 tournaments and produced 57 All-Americans. He is assisted by John Knauer.

Last Time Out: UA posted its lowest tournament total of the year to tie for fifth place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational.

Arizona's 845 (-19) total was its lowest of the season by eight

2001-02 Rankings at a Glance

TEAM

Golf World 13th
Precept/GCAA 18th
Golfweek/Sagarin 22nd

INDIVIDUAL*

19. Chris Nallen 70.56
99. Ricky Barnes 72.01
135. Reid Hatley 72.41
308. Kipp Riehle 73.59
366. Nick Juszczak 73.88

* *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index

The Rankings

Golf World Coaches Poll (March 29, 2002)

Rnk	School (first place votes)	Points
1.	Georgia Tech (17)	425
2.	Wake Forest	384
3.	Florida	366
4.	Oklahoma State	365
	Clemson	365
6.	Fresno State	291
7.	TCU	286
8.	USC	266
9.	Texas	252
10.	Georgia	240
11.	Tennessee	235
12.	Virginia Tech	223
13.	ARIZONA	204
14.	Washington	203
15.	Oklahoma	167
16.	New Mexico	122
17.	Augusta State	98
	Ohio State	98
	Purdue	98
	San Diego State	98

Preempt/GCAA Coaches Poll (April 18, 2002)

Rnk	School (first place votes)	Points
1.	Georgia Tech (21)	669
2.	Wake Forest (5)	658
3.	Clemson	604
4.	Florida	573
5.	Texas (2)	532
6.	Oklahoma State	494
7.	Tennessee	485
8.	TCU	439
9.	Fresno State	398
10.	USC	368
11.	Virginia Tech	363
12.	Washington	304
13.	North Carolina State	296
14.	Georgia	256
15.	Oklahoma	253
16.	Augusta State	250
17.	Auburn	238
18.	ARIZONA	218
19.	Pepperdine	164
20.	New Mexico	158

Golfweek/Sagarin Index (April 14, 2002)

Rnk	School	Rating
1.	Georgia Tech	70.03
2.	Clemson	70.75
3.	Wake Forest	70.77
4.	Florida	70.86
5.	Texas	71.16
6.	Tennessee	71.18
7.	TCU	71.31
8.	Oklahoma State	71.31
9.	USC	71.40
10.	Fresno State	71.48
11.	Washington	71.55
12.	Auburn	71.57
13.	Toledo	71.59
14.	Virginia Tech	71.66
15.	Georgia	71.67
16.	Augusta State	71.67
17.	Oklahoma	71.77
18.	North Carolina State	71.81
19.	San Diego State	71.82
20.	Pepperdine	71.84
22.	ARIZONA	71.89

Golfweek/Sagarin Index-Individuals (April 14, 2002)

19.	Chris Nallen	70.56
99.	Ricky Barnes	72.01
135.	Reid Hatley	72.41
308.	Kipp Riehle	73.59
366.	Nick Juszczak	73.88
511.	Tim Weiss	74.52
601.	Nathan Lashley	74.95
676.	Steven Eshbach	75.30

strokes and placed the team in a tie for fifth with TCU in the 16-team field. Arizona, who notched three sub-par rounds in a tournament for the first time this season, posted the eighth-lowest team total in the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational since 1988. Texas won its second straight event in the state in the last six days with an 832 (-32) total.

Individually, Arizona was led by junior Ricky Barnes, who finished tied for 10th place with a seven-under 209 total. Barnes' final-round 70 gave him his lowest tournament total of the season. All told, Arizona collected 11 rounds at par or better from its five-man lineup in the two-day event.

Also competing for the Wildcats was sophomore Chris Nallen, who tied for 19th place at 211 (-5), freshman Kipp Riehle, who tied for 38th place at 215 (-1), sophomore Andy Connell, who tied for 47th place at 217 (+1) and junior Reid Hatley, who tied for 63rd at 220 (+4). Two UA freshman also competed as individuals. Nick Juszczak and Nathan Lashley both tied for 72nd place at 223 (+7).

Last Year at the Pac-10 Championships: Sophomore Ricky Barnes shot a final-round 68 to win the individual title at the 2001 Pacific-10 Conference Men's Golf Championships. Barnes, who led the event wire-to-wire, claimed individual medalist honors with a four-round total of 268 (-16). It was the fourth career victory for Barnes, and his second of the year. Barnes' 16-under-par total was a record low for a UA golfer at the Pac-10 Championships. His title marked the sixth time a Wildcat golfer has won the Pac-10 championship since UA joined the league in 1978-79.

Barnes was one of just two golfers in the 60-player field to register four consecutive rounds in the 60s. He won the tournament by three strokes over Hunter Mahan of USC, who tallied a 271 total (-13). UA freshman Chris Nallen continued his run of strong play by posting a fifth-place finish with a 276 total (-8).

The duo of Barnes and Nallen helped the Wildcats finish in third place as a team. UA tallied a 355 team total (E) on Sunday and finished with a 1,408 total (-12). Arizona, which placed fifth in this event last season, finished eight strokes behind USC, which won the tourney with a 1,400 total (-20).

Sophomore Reid Hatley closed the tournament with two sub-par rounds and finished in 11th place. Hatley fired a one-under-par 70 Sunday and posted a 282 total (-2). Also competing for the Wildcats were juniors Cody Beyer and Ben Clark and freshman Andy Connell. Beyer finished in 41st place at 293 (+9), while Connell finished tied for 42nd at 294 (+10) and Clark finished tied for 49th at 296 (+10).

Arizona Individuals

1.	Ricky Barnes	65-66-69-68=268 (-16)
T5.	Chris Nallen	66-68-70-72=276 (-8)
11.	Reid Hatley	71-72-69-70=282 (-2)
41.	Cody Beyer	74-73-75-71=293 (+9)
T42.	Andy Connell	76-73-70-75=294 (+10)
T49.	Ben Clark	78-72-72-74=296 (+12)

Team Finish

1.	USC	1400
2.	Arizona State	1404
3.	ARIZONA	1408
4.	Washington	1411
5.	UCLA	1430

Hogan Award: Sophomore Chris Nallen was Tuesday named one of 20 semifinalists for the Ben Hogan Award, which honors the nation's outstanding male college golfer. The award, given by the Friends of Golf, Colonial Country Club and the Golf Coaches Association of America, is based on play from May 1, 2001-May 1, 2002.

Defending Champion: Junior Ricky Barnes heads into the conference championships looking to defend the individual title he won after shooting a four-round 268 (-16) last season. If he could pull off the feat, Barnes would join Arizona's Jason Gore (1993/1994) and Arizona State's Paul Casey (1998/1999/2000) as the only players to win back-to-back conference titles since UA and ASU joined the league in 1978-79.

2001-02 Arizona Men's Golf Roster

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
Ricky Barnes	6-1	200	Jr.	Stockton, Calif. (Lincoln)
Andy Connell	6-2	166	So.	Denver, Colo. (East)
Steven Eshbach	5-11	155	Fr.	Bonita, Calif. (Bonita Vista)
Reid Hatley	5-10	150	Jr.	Spokane, Wash (Ferris)
Nick Juszczak	6-0	162	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Arcadia)
Nathan Lashley	6-1	165	Fr.	Scottsbluff, Neb. (Mitchell)
Chris Nallen	5-11	158	So.	Blairtown, N.J. (Blair Academy)
Kipp Riehle	5-9	145	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
Brandon Smith	5-10	145	Sr.	Veradale, Wash. (Central Valley)
Adam Sollers	5-11	155	Fr.	Los Altos Hills, Calif. (Saint Francis)
Tim Weiss	5-7	168	Sr.	Mill Valley, Calif. (Marin Catholic)
Brian Woolf	5-8	155	Jr.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Alemany)

Head Coach: Rick LaRose (24th year)

Assistant Coach: John Knauer (4th year)

Arizona's Pac-10 Finishes

Year	Place	Score
2001	3rd	1408
2000	5th	1443
1999	8th	1463
1998	3rd	1459
1997	5th	1479
1996	6th	1495
1995	3rd	1474
1994	2nd	1462
1993	2nd	1446
1992	4th	1474
1991	1st	1430
1990	2nd	1472
1989	2nd	1078
1988	2nd	1110
1987	1st	1463
1986	6th	1576
1985	6th	1476
1984	3rd	1438
1983	4th	1535
1982	6th	1487
1981	6th	1505
1980	5th	1172
1979	2nd	1143

Been Here Before: The Trysting Tree Golf Club is certainly one that the field is familiar with, as nine of 10 league members participated in last year's NCAA West Regional on the same layout. The Cats tallied a three-over-par 867 and finished second in the event behind Arizona State. Four of the six UA golfers in the lineup for the 2002 Pac-10 Championships appeared in last year's Regional, including Chris Nallen, who finished tied for fourth at 213 (-3).

Steady Improvement: As mentioned earlier, Arizona heads into the Pac-10 Championships playing some of its best golf of the season, as the squad has posted five consecutive rounds under par. Furthermore, the Cats have carded an improved tournament total in each of the last five tournaments. Seven of UA's nine sub-par team rounds have come in spring competition.

Really Red Numbers: Since posting a 77 and equaling his worst round of the season on March 25, sophomore Chris Nallen has been red hot. In the eight rounds since then, the Blairstown, N.J., native has earned two top-five finishes (including a runner-up finish at the U.S. Collegiate Championships) and is averaging 68.88 strokes per round. Seven of those eight rounds have been under par, including four in the 60s.

A Top-10 Guy: Nallen earned runner-up honors with a 65-73-68=206 (-10) total at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 7, and put his name in the UA record books as well. His three-round score tied for 10th place on the UA scoring list for low tournament aggregate total and score in relation to par. In his two-year career, Nallen has eight top-10 finishes, including one career victory, in 24 starts.

Snapping Out of It: Ricky Barnes may be reaching the light at the end of the tunnel. After struggling for much of the season with his putter, the junior carded a 70-69-70=209

(-7) last week at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational, which was his best tournament total since early February. It marked the first time all season that Barnes has been under par in all three rounds of a tournament and his second sub-par total of 2001-02. He enters the Pac-10 Championships with a 72.55 stroke average this season, 1.50 strokes higher than his career stroke average entering the year. Prior to last weekend, Barnes had been over par in 10 of last 12 rounds.

Rock Solid: Junior Reid Hatley continues to be one the least-heralded golfers in the UA lineup, but his contributions are key to Wildcat success. Remarkably consistent, Hatley has picked up the pace lately by posting a 72.25 stroke average over the last eight events (24 rounds). Included in that span are 12 rounds at par or better, which have helped Hatley to a pair of top-10 and three top-20 finishes. His three-under 213 and a tie for seventh place at the John Burns Intercollegiate in February both equaled season bests for the Spokane, Wash., native.

In Relief: With the format change for the Pac-10 Championships that counts five scores out of six golfers, freshman Nathan Lashley joins the UA lineup for the weekend. Lashley proved his worth by posting a 75.46 stroke average in 10 tournaments this season. His run of solid play started in Oregon with a tie for 25th place March 26, as he carded a 76-71-72=219 (+3) total at Oregon Duck Invitational. Lashley is averaging 73.58 strokes in his last four appearances with the UA varsity. Additionally, he's posted a 71.33 stroke average in the final round of his last three appearances.

Stepping Up: Sophomore Andy Connell's efforts over the last two weeks were as important as any in helping the team earn top-five finishes at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships and the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational. The Denver, Colo., native has averaged 73.50 strokes over the last two events, including a season-low 217 (+1) finish last week in Tempe, Ariz. In the last two weeks, Connell has posted his best placement (T34), low tournament total, set a season-low round (69), and collected all four of his sub-par rounds this season.

In the 60s: UA carded four more sub-70 rounds last week to bring the team's 2001-02 total to 22 rounds in the 60s. Individually, Nallen leads the way with eight, Barnes has four, and freshman Kipp Riehle has three.

Preseason Player of the Year: Junior Ricky Barnes was tabbed by *Golf World* magazine as the No. 1 men's college golfer in the nation. The Stockton, Calif., native has 13 top-10 finishes in his two-year career, including four victories. His 71.05 career stroke average is the lowest in school history. Sophomore Chris Nallen was named to the publication's "50 College Golfers to Watch" list.

Early Signees: University of Arizona men's golf coach Rick LaRose signed three student-athletes to National Letters-of-Intent during the November signing period. Zack Amole (Devner, Pa./Cocalico H.S.), Brett Carter (Phoenix, Ariz./Mountain Pointe H.S.) and Blaine Peffley (Lebanon, Pa./Cedar Crest H.S.) will join the Wildcat golf program in the Fall 2002.

A Quick Look Back at the Fall Schedule: Arizona collected two top-five finishes in four fall team events, including a fourth-place effort at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate in October. Playing with a lineup that featured two freshmen and no seniors for the majority of the fall, the Wildcats improved its scoring average with each passing tournament and finished the fall with a 291.00 stroke average. Sophomore Chris Nallen collected two top-10 and three top-20 finishes in five individual events and finished with a team-leading 71.53 stroke average.

2000-01 In Review: Arizona closed another highly-successful season with its 15th consecutive berth in the NCAA Championships. The Cats finished third for the second straight season. No team west of the Central Time Zone has finished ahead of UA at the NCAA Championships in the last two years. Arizona earned two team championships in 2000-01, including the CGF Match Play National Championship in November, and three individual wins. Ricky Barnes and Chris Nallen were named to the 2000-01 GCAA NCAA Division I Ping All-America team on June 3.

2001-02 Arizona Men's Golf Player Biographies

Ricky Barnes

Junior, Stockton, Calif. 72.55 stroke avg.

Ranks second on the team with a 72.55 stroke average ... The *Golf World* magazine preseason Player of the Year ... Entered the 2001-02 season with the lowest career stroke average in school history (71.05) ... Four rounds in the 60s this season ... Showed signs of breaking out of his slump with three sub-par rounds last week ... Struggled with the putter all season ... Shot 70-69-70=209 (-7) to card his lowest tournament total this year and his fifth top-20 finish at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... Posted his fourth top-20 finish of the season, April 5-7, at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships with a 221 (+5) total ... Carded a 221 (+5) to finish tied for 37th at the Oregon Duck Invitational on March 25-26 ... Bounced back with a top-20 finish at the Las Vegas Collegiate, posting 75-73-70=218 (+2) ... Tied for 52nd place (his worst collegiate finish) with a 225 total (+9) at the John Burns Intercollegiate ... Posted his best finish of the year with a fourth-place effort at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Feb. 4-5, where he carded a 71-67-69=207 (-6) ... Shot 71-72-75=218 (+5) to finish 23rd at the Savane College All-America Golf Classic in El Paso ... Posted his worst round of the year (79) in the final 18 to finish tied for 28th at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate after shooting 72-70-79=221 (+8) ... Was three-under par over the last two rounds to finish tied for 35th at the Taylor Made Red River Classic at 216 (E) ... Finished tied for 29th place at The Preview by Ping and *Golfweek* with an eight-over-par 221 total ... Finished tied for 10th place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate with a 73-75-69=217 (+1) ... It was his 14th career top-10 finish and his 28th career round in the 60s.

Ben Clark

Senior, Austin, Texas 74.83 stroke avg.

Left the squad at the end of the fall semester ... Collected a tie for 21st place at the 49er Collegiate Classic on Nov. 9 after carding a 75-72-77=224 (+11) ... Was UA's top finisher at the Fresno Lexus Classic, shooting a 76-69-80=225 (+9) to place in a tie for 41st ... He equaled his career low with a second-round 69.

Andy Connell

Sophomore, Denver, Colo. 75.94 stroke avg.

Connell continues to improve with each performance, and is a collective three-under par over his last five rounds ... Has a 73.5 stroke average over his last two tournaments ... Shot a one-under 69-70-78=217 to tie for 47th place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... Collected his first two sub-par rounds (including a second round 69) of the season at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7, to earn his best finish of the season (T34th) with an 84-69-71=224 (+8) ... Carded a 75-76-79=230 (+14) at the Oregon Duck Invitational on March 25-26, for a then-season low in his second varsity appearance of the season ... Shot a 77 (+5) in stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14 and earned six points in the UA junior varsity win ... Saw his second action of the season on Feb. 4-5 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate, where he shot a 78-74-80=232 (+19) to finish in 98th place ... His second-round 74 was a season low round ... Got off to a slow start at the Fresno Lexus Classic, carding a 235 (+19) to finish tied for 79th place.

Steven Eshbach

Freshman, Bonita, Calif. 76.16 stroke avg.

Freshman has seen action in six junior varsity events and played as an individual at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships ... Tied for 34th place at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7, with a 72-74-78=224 (+8) ... Posted his first career top-20 finish after carding a 74-75-72=221 (+5) to finish in 11th place at the Anteater Invitational on March 25-26, the top UA finisher ... Posted a 76 (+4) total in the stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14, and earned two points in the UA junior varsity win ... Finished tied for 43rd at the Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic March 1-2 with a 238 (+22) total ... Shot a career-low 66 in the second round of the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Feb. 4 and posted his best collegiate total, a 225 (+12), which tied him for 79th place ... Finished tied for 54th place at the 49er Classic with a 79-74-81=234 (+21) total ... Made his collegiate debut at the Fresno Lexus Classic, carding a 74-79-76=229 (+13) to finish tied for 59th place.

Reid Hatley

Junior, Spokane, Wash. 72.93 stroke avg.

Posted top-20 finishes in five of his last eight appearances ... Has a 72.93 stroke average through 30 rounds this year, but is averaging 72.60 strokes over his last 15 rounds (five events) ... Placed in a tie for 63rd at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational with a four-over 220 ... Rebounded nicely to finish in a tie for 24th place at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7, with a 79-72-71=222 (+6) total ... Carded a 74-72-70=216 (E) at the Oregon Duck Invitational on March 25-26 to finish in a tie for 16th place ... Finished tied for 19th place at the Las Vegas Collegiate after a 218 (+2) total ... Earned his second top-10 finish of the season Feb. 22 at the John Burns Intercollegiate with a 75-70-68=213 (-3) total, which tied for seventh place ... Opened the spring with a 219 (+6) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate ... UA's top finisher (T7th) at the Jerry Pate National with a 70-73-70=213 (E) ... Opened the Taylor Made Red River Classic with a career-low 67 to finish tied for 19th place at 67-75-71=213 (-3), easily his best finish of the season ... Carded a 74 in the first round of The Preview en route to a 226 (+13) total and tie for 52nd place ... Finished tied for 60th place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate with a 75-77-76=228 (+12) ... It was his second-lowest finish since his freshman season ... Hatley earned two of his four top-10 finishes in the first two events of 2000-01.

Nick Juszczak

Sophomore, Phoenix, Ariz. 74.50 stroke avg.

Joined the team in January after Spring tryouts ... Posted his career-low round with a second-round 69 en route to a seven-over 223 at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... Tallied a 77-71-77=225 (+9) to tie for 36th place at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7 ... Finished tied for 27th place at the Anteater Invitational after a 227 (+11) total ... Carded a 79 (+7) in the stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14 to earn three points in the UA junior varsity win ... Posted his first top-10 finish with a 75-75-71=221 (+5) at the Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic on March 1-2 ... Made his collegiate debut with a 72-70-75=217 (+4) effort Feb. 4-5 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate and finished tied for 36th place.

2001-02 Arizona Men's Golf Player Biographies

Nathan Lashley

Freshman, Scottsbluff, Neb. 75.46 stroke avg.

Freshman has competed in seven varsity and three JV events ... Ranks eighth on the team with a 75.46 stroke average ... Averaging 71.33 strokes in the final round of his last three tournaments ... Tied for 72nd place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational with a 74-78-71=223 (+7) ... Tied for 30th place at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7, with a 78-74-71=223 (+7) total ... Made his first appearance with the varsity since Feb. 4-5 and collected the best placing (T25th) and low score in relation to par at the Oregon Duck Invitational on March 25-26 with a 76-71-72=219 (+3) ... Carded a 76 (+4) in the stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14 to earn three points in the UA junior varsity win ... Tied for 27th place at the Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic with a 230 (+14) total ... Posted his low round (70) and low total Feb. 4-5 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate, carding a 73-70-75=218 (+5) ... Tied for 66th place at the 49er Collegiate Classic with a 237 (+24) total ... Finished tied for 79th place at the Taylor Made Red River Classic at 232 (+16) ... Posted a 232 (+19) total at The Preview and finished tied for 70th place ... Made his collegiate debut with a 71-78-74=223 (+7) at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate, finishing tied for 37th place.

Chris Nallen

Sophomore, Blairstown, N.J. 71.06 stroke avg.

Quietly becoming one of the finest players in the nation ... A semifinalist for the Ben Hogan Award ... Leads the team with a 71.06 stroke average, 20 rounds at par or better and eight rounds in the 60s ... Started three straight tournaments with an opening round in the 60s to close the fall ... Collected five top-10 and five top-20 finishes in 11 starts to date and has been the top UA finisher in six of 11 outings ... Has broken 70 in four of his last nine rounds ... Tallied a 70-70-71=211 (-5) to finish in a tie for 19th place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... Runner-up at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7, with a 65-73-68=206 (-10) total ... That tournament tally tied for 10th in the UA record book both in low tournament aggregate and total in relation to par ... Was 10-under par over the final two rounds at the Oregon Duck Invitational and finished tied for fifth at 77-65-69=211 (-5) on March 25-26 ... Tied for 12th at the Las Vegas Collegiate with a 72-72-73=217 (+1) total ... Shot a 75-70-73=218 (+2) at the John Burns Intercollegiate and finished out of the top 20 (T22) for the first time this season ... Opened the spring with a solid 70-66-73=209 (-4) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Feb. 4-5 to tie for fifth place ... Finished tied for eighth place at the Savane College All-America Golf Classic with a 69-74-70=213 (E) ... Equaled a season low with an opening-round 68 at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate en route to a 68-72-75=215 (+2/T13th) finish ... Earned his first top-10 finish this season (4th career) with a 68-70-70=208 (-8) to finish sixth ... The opening round 68 was a season low and his ninth career sub-70 round ... Finished tied for 19th place at The Preview by Ping & Golfweek with a 219 (+6) total ... Opened the year with a tie for 13th place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate (70-77-71=218) ... Finished in the top 20 in 15 of 24 career events.

Kipp Riehle

Freshman, Phoenix, Ariz. 74.13 stroke avg.

Ranks fourth on the squad with a 74.13 stroke average ... One of five players to post at least one sub-par tournament total this year ... Has four rounds in the 60s ... Carded a 74-72-69=215 (-1) to tie for 38th place at ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... Tied for 24th at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7, with a 74-73-75=222 (+6) total ... His 228 (+12) total tied him for 62nd place at the Oregon Duck Invitational ... Finished tied for 45th at the Las Vegas Collegiate with a 225 (+9) total ... Tied for 37th place at the John Burns Intercollegiate with a three-round 222 (+6) total ... Earned his second top-20 finish of the season Feb. 4-5 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate, where he tallied a 72-72-68=212 (-1), his career low aggregate total ... Shot a 229 (+16) to finish tied for 47th at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate ... Placed tied for 77th at the Taylor Made Red River Classic with a 230 (+14) total ... Finished tied for 55th place at The Preview with a 227 (+14) total ... Carded a 74-69-71=214 (-2) to finish tied for sixth at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate, his first collegiate tournament.

Brandon Smith

Senior, Veradale, Wash. 75.95 stroke avg.

One of the most experienced players on the roster, Smith entered the season with 63 competitive rounds to his credit ... Shot a 11-over 227 to tie for 45th place at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, April 5-7 ... Finished tied for 36th place at the Anteater Invitational with a 229 (+13) total ... Carded a 74 (+2) in the stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14 to earn three points in the UA junior varsity win ... Collected his lone top-20 finish of the year at the Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic with a 74-77-76=227 (+11) to finish tied for 19th ... A second-round 70 (a season low) highlighted a three-round total of 224 (+11) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Feb. 4-5 ... Carded his then season-low round of the year (72) at the 49er Collegiate Classic to finish tied for 36th place at 229 (+16) ... Shot a 232 (+16) at the Fresno Lexus Classic to place tied for 67th ... Finished tied for 67th at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate with a 77-77-75=229 (+13) total.

Tim Weiss

Senior, Mill Valley, Calif. 75.36 stroke avg.

Entered the 2001-02 campaign with 76 competitive rounds to his credit ... Shot a 226 (+10) at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships to tie for 41st place ... Tied for 27th place at the Anteater Invitational with a three-round 227 (+11) ... Carded a 73 (+1) in the stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14 to earn three points in the UA junior varsity win ... Made his second varsity appearance of 2001-02 March 8-10 at the Las Vegas Collegiate and finished 74th with a 79-80-75=234 (+18) ... Earned his first career top-10 finish on March 1-2 at the Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic with a 73-74-73=220 (+4) and was the top UA finisher ... Opened spring competition with a three-round 234 (+21) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Feb. 4-5, where he tied for 99th place ... Posted a 71-70-76=217 (+4) to finish tied for 21st at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate, his best tournament total since 1999 ... Opened the year by shooting 73-75-79=227 (+11) to finish tied for 51st at the Fresno Lexus Classic.

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Brian Woolf

Junior, Granada Hills, Calif. 76.60 stroke avg.

His 229 (+13) total tied him for 51st place at the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships ... Finished tied for 72nd at the Anteater Invitational with a 242 (+26) total ... Carded an 81 (+8) in the stroke play match vs. Skidmore College on March 14 to earn 1.5 points in the UA junior varsity win ... Tied for 38th place at the Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic with a 236 (+20) total ... Finished tied for 96th place at the John Burns Intercollegiate after a three-round 238 (+22) ... Earned a second consecutive top-20 finish (T13th) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate after carding a 72-72-68=212 (-1) on Feb. 4-5 ... It was his second career round in the 60s ... Team's top finisher (T12th) at the 49er Collegiate Classic with a 73-77-72=222 (+9) ... Tied for 51st at the Fresno Lexus Classic with a 227 (+11) that included a season-low 73 ... Competed in the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate as an individual and finished tied for 57th with a 74-76-77=227 (+11).

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William H. Tucker Intercollegiate (3rd of 20)

Sept. 21-22, 2001 Albuquerque, N.M.

The University of Arizona men's golf team posted the lowest team total in the final round to finish in third place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate.

The Wildcats, who opened the season ranked No. 2 in the nation, fired a final-round 285 (-3) to finish with a team total of 871 (+7), which was good enough for third place in the 20-team field. The Cats entered Saturday's final round in seventh place before making the charge to finish third.

Tournament-host New Mexico won the event with a total of 859 (-5), the only team in the field to finish under par. The Lobos finished 11 strokes ahead of runner-up Pepperdine (870). Brigham Young's Manuel Merizalde captured individual medalist honors with a three-round total of 209 (-7).

Leading the way for Arizona was freshman Kipp Riehle. Making his collegiate debut, Riehle shot a final-round 71 to finish in a tie for sixth place at 214 (-2). Included in the effort was a second-round 69. Two other UA golfers finished in the top 13 spots. Ricky Barnes, the *Golf World* magazine preseason Player of the Year, shot a 69 (-3) Saturday to finish in a three-way tie for 10th place at 217 (+1), while sophomore Chris Nallen finished tied for 13th place at 218 (+2).

The Preview by Ping & Golfweek (13th of 15)

Sept. 28-30, 2001 Columbus, Ohio
Arizona shot a final-round 300 to finish in 13th place at The Preview by Ping & Golfweek.

The Wildcats' 16-over-par 300 in Sunday's final round gave the squad an 893 total (+41) to finish 13th in the field of 15. Clemson won the tournament by one stroke with a three-round total of 862 (+10). Wake Forest (863), Texas (864), Ohio State (867) and Virginia Tech (871) rounded out the top five places.

Sophomore Chris Nallen was the only Wildcat golfer to finish in the top 20, as the Blairstown, N.J., native posted a three-round total of 219 (+6) to finish in a tie for 19th place. His two-over-par 73 on Sunday clinched his second top-20 finish of the season. Junior Ricky Barnes also carded a final-round 73, his low round of the tournament, to finish tied for 29th place at 221 (+8).

Other UA finishers included Reid Hatley, tied for 52nd place at 226 (+13); Kipp Riehle, tied for 55th place at 227 (+14) and Nathan Lashley, tied for 70th place at 232 (+19).

Taylor Made Red River Classic (11th of 15)

Oct. 8-9, 2001 Dallas, Texas
The University of Arizona men's golf team shot a final round 291 to finish in 11th place at the Taylor Made Red River Classic.

Even with its top three finishers at par or better, the Wildcats were unable to make a move in the final 18 holes and finished in 11th place with an 866 (+2) total. The total is the Cats best 54-hole score of the season, but placed the squad in the middle of the pack, as 10 of the 15 teams came in at par or better. Texas tallied an 834 total (-30) to win the event by 10 strokes over USC (844). TCU, Oklahoma State and Ohio State rounded out the top five finishers.

Chris Nallen earned his first top-10 finish of the year by placing sixth in the 84-man field. The sophomore carded a final-round 70 (-2) Tuesday to finish with a three-round total of 208 (-8). Teammate Reid Hatley also posted his best finish of the season by finishing tied for 19th place at 213 (-3), while Ricky Barnes finished the tournament with two sub-par rounds to tie for 35th place at 216 (E).

Other UA finishers included freshmen Kipp Riehle, who tied for 77th place at 230 (+14), and Nathan Lashley, who tied for 79th place at 232 (+16).

Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate (4th of 12)

Oct. 15-16, 2001 Birmingham, Ala.

Arizona shot a final-round 296 (+12) to finish in fourth place at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate.

After posting its best 36-hole total of the year, the Wildcats tallied a 12-over-par 296 to finish fourth in the event with an 862 (+10) total. Despite the fact that just one UA golfer was below par in Tuesday's final round, Arizona's 862 total was its lowest tournament score this season. Oklahoma State, which entered the final round tied for second place with the Wildcats, won the 12-team event with an 851 (-1) total.

Junior Reid Hatley was Arizona's top finisher in the event, tying for seventh place in the 60-man field. Hatley shot a one-under-par 70 in the final round to

finish the event with a 213 (E) total. It was Hatley's first top-10 finish this season and the fifth of his career. Clemson's D.J. Trahan and Oklahoma State's Hunter Mahan shared medalist honors at 205 (-8).

Chris Nallen continued his run of solid performances, as the sophomore finished tied for 13th place at 215 (+2). Nallen, who has finished in the top 20 in all four fall events, tallied a final-round 75. Senior Tim Weiss, playing with the UA varsity for the first time since the 1999 NCAA Championships, finished tied for 21st place with a 217 (+4) total. Weiss' 217 total equaled the third-lowest tournament total of his career.

Savane College All-America Golf Classic (individuals only)

Nov. 19-20, 2001 El Paso, Texas

Chris Nallen shot a final-round 70 to finish in a tie for eighth place at the Savane College All-America Golf Classic.

Nallen, a sophomore from Blairstown, N.J., carded a one-under 70 in the final round to finish with a three-round total of 213 (E). His eighth-place finish marks the second straight year in which a UA golfer has finished in the top-10 of this invitation-only event. Toledo's Brad Haven captured medalist honors with a 202 (-11) total in the field of 24.

UA teammate Ricky Barnes, who won this event last year with a tournament-record 196 (-17) total, finished 22nd after a final-round 75 (+4). His three-round total of 218 (+5) was 16 shots off the pace set by Haven.

PING-Arizona Intercollegiate (T4th of 20)

Feb. 4-5, 2002 Tucson, Ariz.

Fresno State posted 10-under par totals over the last two rounds to win the 2002 PING-Arizona Intercollegiate at The Raven at Sabino Springs.

Fresno State, who posted the low round of the tournament with a 270 (-14) in the second round, shot a final-round 288 (+4) to win the 20-team event by one stroke over Oklahoma State (849).

Oklahoma State's Hunter Mahan captured individual medalist honors with a three-round total of 203 (-10). Mahan shot a final-round 68 (-3) to win the event by two strokes over Nick Watney of Fresno State.

On the strength of two top-five individual performances, tournament-host Arizona finished in a tie for fourth place with an 853 (+1) total. The tournament total was a season low for the Wildcats and was the squad's third top-five finish of the season. Arizona was two strokes out of the lead heading into Tuesday's final round, but a seven-over-par 291 ended the Cats chances of earning its first team title since last April's U.S. Intercollegiate.

Ricky Barnes, who was six-under par in the final two rounds, shot a final round 69 (-2) to finish in fourth place at 207 (-6). For Barnes, it was his low tournament of the season. Teammate Chris Nallen also finished tied for fifth place with a three-round total of 209 (-4). Nallen's second-round 66 (-5) was a season low.

Also competing for the Arizona varsity was freshman Nathan Lashley, who tied for 42nd place at 218 (+5), junior Reid Hatley, who tied for 49th place at 219 (+6) and sophomore Andy Connell, who finished 98th at 232 (+19).

The Arizona junior varsity finished tied for 13th place with a three-round total of 871 (+19). Brian Woolf and Kipp Riehle both tied for 13th place after final-round 68s (-31). Brandon Smith (224/T73rd), Steven Eshbach (225/T79th) and Tim Weiss (234/T99th) rounded out the junior varsity participants.

Nick Juscak, who competed as an individual, tied for 36th place after his three-round total of 217 (+4).

John Burns Intercollegiate (T6th of 20)

Feb. 20-22, 2002 Wahiawa, Hawaii

Arizona posted a three-over-par total of 291 in the final round and moved up two places to finish tied for sixth place at the John Burns Intercollegiate.

After first-round struggles left the team in 14th place, the Wildcats moved up eight places in the tournament's final 36 holes. UA's final round 291 left the Cats with a three-round total of 878 (+12) and tied with California. San Diego State, who led the event wire to wire, won the tournament with a three-round total of 853 (-11).

Individually, Arizona was led by junior Reid Hatley. The Spokane, Wash., product carded a final-round 68 (-4) and finished tied for seventh place at 213 (-3). It was Hatley's second top-10 finish of the year, and his 68 was Arizona's low round of the tournament.

Also competing for the Wildcats was sophomore Chris Nallen, who finished tied for 22nd place at 218 (+2). It was the first time in seven events this season that Nallen has failed to finish in the top 20. Freshman Kipp

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Riehle finished tied for 37th at 222 (+6), while junior Ricky Barnes finished tied for 52nd at 225 (+9). Brian Woolf rounded out the Wildcat lineup by finishing tied for 96th place at 238 (+22).

2002 Las Vegas Collegiate (8th of 16)

March 8-10, 2002 Las Vegas, Nev.

Arizona fired a final round of 3-over-par 291, its best team score of the 54-hole tournament, at the Las Vegas Collegiate to finish in eighth place.

Leading the final round charge for Arizona was junior Ricky Barnes, who posted a third-round of 2-under 70 to finish tied for 19th. Georgia Tech claimed the tournament title after shooting a final-round 281 to close the tournament at 20-under-par 844. Troy Matteson of Georgia Tech took the individual title after he carded his second consecutive round of 3-under 69. Matteson finished 54 holes tied with Camilo Villegas of Florida, but won the individual crown in a playoff.

Chris Nallen posted Arizona's best finish, taking a tie for 12th place at 1-over-par for the tournament. Nallen shot 1-over 73 Sunday. Junior Reid Hatley joined Barnes in an eight-golfer tie for 19th place. Hatley posted rounds 72, 73 and 73 to wrap up action at 218.

Also competing for the Wildcats was freshman Kipp Riehle, who tied for 45th place at 9-over-par. Riehle fired a final round of 4-over-par 76 Sunday. Senior Tim Weiss rounded out the Arizona lineup, taking 74th place after shooting 3-over 75 Sunday to finish the tournament at 18-over.

Oregon Duck Invitational (8th of 16)

March 25-26, 2002 Junction City, Ore.

The Wildcats shot a final-round 289 (+1) to finish in eighth place at the Oregon Duck Invitational.

The finish enabled Arizona to post its sixth top-10 finish in eight events this season. UA's final-round 289 enabled the squad to finish the three-round event with a 874 (+10) total in the 16-team event. Tournament-host Oregon won the invitational with an 849 (-15) total, one stroke ahead of runner-up Washington State.

Individually, Arizona was led by sophomore Chris Nallen, who finished in a tie for fifth place with a 211 (-5) total. Bolstered by back-to-back rounds in the 60s, Nallen collected his fourth top-five finish of the year. He has been Arizona's top finisher four times in 2001-02. Washington State's Jon Reehoon earned individual medalist honors with a three-round total of 206 (-10).

UA junior Reid Hatley also posted a top-20 finish, as the native of Spokane, Wash., carded an even-par 216 for the tournament to finish in a tie for 16th place. It was his fifth top-20 finish of the year. Teammate Nathan Lashley, competing as an individual, posted his collegiate-low total in relation to par to tie for 25th place at 219 (+3).

Also competing for the Wildcats was Ricky Barnes, who tied for 37th place at 221 (+5), Kipp Riehle, who tied for 62nd place at 228 (+12), and Andy Connell, who tied for 73rd place at 230 (+14).

PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships (2nd of 10)

April 5-7, 2002 Tucson, Ariz.

Arizona continued its strong play in the final round of the PING-U.S. Collegiate Championships, but couldn't catch tournament-winner Texas, who won the event by two strokes.

Texas held a nine-stroke lead heading into the final round and, once again, Arizona made it close by carding its second straight sub-par team total. The Wildcats' 284 (-4) total shaved seven strokes off the Longhorn lead, but it was UT's depth that made the difference. Three Texas individuals finished in the top-20 places to give the squad a three-round total of 859 (-5) and the two-stroke win over Arizona. No team, however, played the final 36 holes better than Arizona's cumulative five-under-par tally, while UA's 861 total was the team's second-lowest total of the year.

Leading the way for Arizona was sophomore Chris Nallen, who posted a three-round 206 (-10) to finish in second place individually. It was a career-low tournament for Nallen, and his total tied for the 10th best score in UA history in both aggregate total and in relation to par. The native of Blairstown, N.J., shot a final-round 68 (-4) to break 70 for the fourth time in his last six rounds played. Oklahoma State's Hunter Mahan carded a three-under 69 Sunday to claim individual medalist honors at 204 (-12).

UA junior Ricky Barnes finished in a tie for 20th place with a three-round 221 (+5). For Barnes, who was two-over on Sunday, it was his fourth top-20 finish of the season. Junior Reid Hatley and freshman Kipp Riehle tied for

24th at 222 (+6), while sophomore Andy Connell finished tied for 34th place at 224 (+8). Connell, who shot a one-under 71 on Sunday, was a collective four-under par over the last 36 holes.

ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational (T5th of 16)

April 12-13, 2002 Tempe, Ariz.

The Cats posted its lowest tournament total of the season to tie for fifth place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational.

Arizona's 845 (-19) total was its lowest of the season by eight strokes and placed the team in a tie for fifth with TCU in the 16-team field. Arizona, who notched three sub-par rounds in a tournament for the first time this season, posted the eighth-lowest team total in the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational since 1988. Texas won its second straight tournament in the state in the last six days with an 832 (-32) total.

Individually, Arizona was led by junior Ricky Barnes, who finished tied for 10th place with a seven-under 209 total. Barnes' final-round 70 gave him his lowest tournament total of the season. All told, Arizona collected 11 rounds at par or better from its five-man lineup in the two-day event.

Also competing for the Wildcats was sophomore Chris Nallen, who tied for 19th place at 211 (-5), freshman Kipp Riehle, who tied for 38th place at 215 (-1), sophomore Andy Connell, who tied for 47th place at 217 (+1) and junior Reid Hatley, who tied for 63rd at 220 (+4). Two UA freshman also competed as individuals. Nick Juszczak and Nathan Lashley both tied for 72nd place at 223 (+7).